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The Editor's Notebook

"It's not my job." Yes, it is!

By David Garick, Editor



One of my biggest gripes with our modern culture is the ubiquitous phrase that is so common in the workplace, "That's not my job." It crops up virtually every time someone is asked to go beyond the path of least resistance, to put in that extra effort to really provide service to someone. In fact, the very notion of service is in pretty short supply these days. People seem to think that it is somehow beneath them to be servants of others. We live in a society filled with people only concerned with doing the least possible to get what they believe is coming to them.

I guess that has always been present in human nature. But I have to think that we have raised it to an unprecedented level in the 21st century. But as Christians, we are called to be much better than that. Throughout his ministry on earth, Christ modeled for us the role of being a servant of others. He did not lead by issuing orders and directing others' work. He fed the hungry, he reached out and healed the sick. Where there was need, he gave of himself to meet that need. His role as a servant was so strong that he suffered and died on the cross and then rose again, not out of his own desires, but to provide salvation for us. He continues to serve us today by spiritually feeding us daily with his own body and blood.

But he does expect something from us. Not for his benefit; rather, he expects us to live our lives by his example of love and service to others. On the very night when he gave us the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, he also gave us a lesson on how we should live. The greatest man ever to walk the face of the earth got down on his knees and washed the feet of his disciples. If ever there was an occasion when it might seem appropriate to say, "That's not my job," that would be it. But Jesus did not say that. What he did say was, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

We all are called to serve in some fashion. All of us have something in our makeup that God put there for a special purpose. We are to use that talent, skill,

knowledge, or love, not for our own benefit, but for the service of the people of God and to the greater glory of God. For many, that may mean committing to the vocation of marriage and the physical and spiritual nurturing of family. It may mean using artistic talents to glorify the beauty of God's creation. It may mean feeding and clothing the poor, assisting the downtrodden, defending the weak, healing the sick. It may mean proclaiming the truth of Christ's message to those who desperately need to hear it.

For some, it may mean making an even greater sacrifice to emulate the life of Christ by accepting his call to the holy priesthood or religious life.

Whatever it is that God has called each of us to do, it would be the height of insolence to say "It's not my job!" When our Lord approached Peter, Andrew, James, and John at the Sea of Galilee and said "Follow me," they dropped their nets and answered the call. Even Matthew the tax collector heard the call. Can you imagine a modern-day bureaucrat giving up a structured civil service gig with great benefits to accept a life of poverty, service, and martyrdom?

This edition of *Catholic Times* salutes some of the men and women who have responded to that special call to a vocation in Holy Orders or religious life. You will read about some of the priests and sisters who are celebrating special anniversaries of their service to the Church. You will read about seminarians who have heard the call and who are preparing for this life of holy service, including two young men who just this week took the step of becoming deacons in preparation for becoming a priest of the diocese next year. Later this month, three other men take that calling to the next step with their ordination to the priesthood. Pray for people -- including yourself -- to hear what God is calling them to do. Yes, it is your job!

MSGR. MOLONEY HONORED AT RED MASS



The Thomas More Society presented its St. Thomas More Award to Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney, vicar general of the Diocese of Columbus, at the conclusion of the society's annual Red Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Wednesday, May 1.

Msgr. Moloney, who also is pastor of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, was honored for his service at various times as vicar general, chancellor, and vice chancellor of the diocese during his 31 years as a priest. He has been chaplain of the Thomas More Society since 1994. During the award presentation (pictured), attorney Alphonse Cincione, president of the society, said of him, "He has so many roles I wonder when he has time to be a pastor."

The society, a group of Catholic legal professionals, presents the honor on an occasional basis to people who have served the legal profession by practicing the principles and ideals of its namesake. Thomas More, an adviser to King VIII, chose to be martyred in 1535 rather than go against his Catholic beliefs by accepting the king as head of the Church in England.

This was the eighth time the society has presented the award in the 28 years it has sponsored the Red Mass for those involved in the judicial system and for decision-makers in all branches of government. The most recent previous recipient was Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Moyer, whose widow received the award at the Red Mass in 2010, a little more than one month after his death.

Bishop Frederick Campbell was principal celebrant and homilist for the

Mass, which is celebrated every year on or near May 1, Law Day U.S.A. It brings colleagues together in prayer under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for strength and recommitment to the highest principles of the legal and justice professions for the good of all people.

This is probably the only occasion when those gathered have the opportunity to witness all three branches of government together at prayer. The Mass focuses on members of the judicial branch, but representatives of the legislative and executive branches also are in attendance, as are police officers and firefighters. Members of all faith traditions are invited.

The Red Mass, named for the color of the vestments worn by the clergy to reflect the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit, is a European tradition which was introduced into the United States in 1928 and today is celebrated throughout the nation. Presidents, Supreme Court justices, and representatives and senators from Congress are among the distinguished guests who have participated in this tradition. In Columbus, the Red Mass had not been celebrated for some years until the practice was begun again in 1985 by the Thomas More Society.

Lectors for the Mass were Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell and 10th Ohio District Appeals Judge Peggy Bryant. Bradley Wrightsel, president of the Columbus Bar Association, read a heraldic proclamation and the Columbus police and fire bagpipes and drums led the assembled officials and clergy into the church before the start of Mass.



Left: Deacon candidates Cyrus Haddad (left) and Vincent Nguyen are presented to Bishop Frederick Campbell. Right: The new deacons stand next to the bishop at the end of their ordination Mass on May 3. CT photos by Ken Snow

TWO TRANSITIONAL DEACONS ORDAINED

Deacons Cyrus Haddad and Vincent Nguyen were told by Bishop Frederick Campbell in their ordination homily "that (it) is the truth of Jesus Christ that we are saved and filled with hope and with joy. Proclaim it boldly and remain deeply faithful."

The bishop ordained the two men on Friday, May 3, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. In the traditional words of the homily spoken to them and to the congregation from his chair, he reminded them that "the Lord has set an example that just as he himself has done, you also should do as deacons; that is, as ministers of Jesus Christ, who came among his disciples as one who served. Do the will of God from the heart. Serve the people with love and joy, as you would the Lord. ...

"Be firmly rooted and grounded in faith and show yourselves chaste and beyond reproach before God and man. ... Never allow yourselves to be turned away from the hope offered by the Gospel. Now you are not only to be hearers of this Gospel, but also its ministers. Hold the mystery of faith with a clear

conscience. Express by your actions the word of God that your lips proclaim."

Their ordination as transitional deacons was one of the final steps in the preparation of Deacons Haddad and Nguyen for ordination as priests of the Diocese of Columbus. This summer, Deacon Haddad will serve at Gahanna St. Matthew Church and Deacon Nguyen at Granville St. Edward Church. They will return in the fall to the Pontifical College Josephinum for one more year of study before their anticipated ordination as priests on May 24, 2014.

Their ordination as deacons means they have entered from the lay state into the clerical state through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At their diaconal ordination, they made promises to the bishop of obedience and celibacy.

Many people may say they made vows, but promises is the more accurate term because promises are made to a person -- in this case, the bishop -- while vows are made directly to God.

Unlike members of religious orders, members of the diocesan clergy, including transitional deacons, do not make a

vow or a promise of poverty. However, they are expected to live in simplicity.

The new deacons can baptize, assist the priest at Mass, proclaim the Gospel and give homilies, witness at marriages, preside at funeral vigils and graveside committal services, and give certain blessings. They cannot celebrate Mass, hear confessions, or anoint the sick.

Deacon Haddad graduated from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy at Ohio Dominican University, did master's degree studies at the University of Dallas, and earned his master of divinity degree in theology at the Josephinum. At ODU, he was a tutor in writing and philosophy and assistant editor of the *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*.

Deacon Nguyen is a Westerville South High School graduate and received a bachelor of science degree in marketing and business and a master of business administration degree from Franklin University, and a master's degree from the Josephinum. He has been youth

minister at St. Edward Church and was employed in the banking business in Columbus for two years.

Bishop Campbell's homily was preceded by a calling forward of the deacon candidates, a formal testimony by Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director, of their readiness for service, and the bishop's response that they had been chosen for the order of the diaconate.

It was followed by the candidates' declaration of readiness to become deacons, their promise of respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors, and the chanting of the Litany of the Saints by a cantor and the congregation as the candidates lay face down. They then were formally consecrated through the bishop's laying-on of hands and reading of the prayer of consecration.

This was followed by their investiture with the stole and dalmatic which are signs of the diaconal ministry, presentation of the Book of the Gospels, signifying their role as preachers, and the sign of peace from the bishop and fellow deacons.



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Clergy Assignment

Confirming the appointment of the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Brother Jason Joseph Hertzog, OP, as temporary Transitional Deacon at St. Patrick Church, Columbus, and Brother Peter Tottleben, OP, as temporary Transitional Deacon at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, effective May 27 to July 27.

Deacon Roger Minner, to Deacon Administrator pro tem of St. Mary, St. Ladislav, and Corpus Christi churches in Columbus, effective immediately.

Deacon Carl Jerzyk, from service in the Diocese of Youngstown, to diaconal assistance at St. Paul Church, Westerville, effective immediately.



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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Values



Did you think about your faith, morals, and values last week? Do we not all strive to live a life that demonstrates character and behavior that will bring us to eternal life with our loving God? I think we hesitate a bit, because a serious consideration of this question forces us to evaluate our values. Ultimately, we want the best that God promises to those who love Him. The trick is living in a way that shows God that love and proves that it is genuine. And when we live in today's world and deal with the temptations and distractions that are in our faces, it becomes more and more of a challenge to prove our love. Rationalization and situational ethics fool us and deceive us into a state of thinking that we know what is right. It becomes vitally important for us to study, to learn, and to inquire about what is the most moral and value-rich way to live. This is critical for us as adults and becomes most critical for our children. Here is our takeaway: Do not ever give up, do not ever give in, and do not ever succumb to any frustration with the pleasures of this world. Once we throw in the towel, we are doomed. Be strong, keep trying, and keep praying.

Last week, we looked at Catholic attitudes regarding the death penalty. There was nothing too surprising, but I hope there was some motivation to explore and learn about the values regarding this issue. The American Values Survey also asked Catholics about their attitudes on contraception and mandated contraception coverage. Eighty-one percent of Catholics said the use of artificial birth control and contraceptives is morally acceptable, while 14 percent of Catholics said it is morally wrong. I wonder if this prevailing attitude is the product of what many of us feel is actually right, or more of a rationalization of what is commonly practiced, in an attempt to make us feel better. On the question of mandated coverage, when asked if religious colleges and hospitals should be required to provide employees with contraception at no cost in their health plans, 54 percent of Catholics said "Yes." For Catholics who attend Mass weekly or more, the "Yes" response drops to 43 percent. With regard to abortion and social justice, Catholics in the United States continue to argue about which of these deserves top priority or the greater emphasis. In this survey, Catholics said that the Church should focus on social justice and the poor, rather than abortion and the right to life, by a two-to-one margin -- 60 percent to 31 percent. And Catholics who attend Mass once per week or more express the same sentiments by a 51 percent to 36 percent margin.

Our practical challenge this week is to commit to the plain, practical, and maybe even obvious part of our mission: We can and must do both, working hard for social justice and serving the poor, while working harder than ever to end abortion and respect all human life from conception to natural death. We really do not have a choice here. And as we honor our moms on Mother's Day, with respect to justice, the poor, and human life, ask yourself two questions: What would Mary, our Blessed Mother, have us do; and, what would our mom have us do?

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.



TIM SMYKE BECOMES AN EAGLE SCOUT

Tim Smyke (center), a member of Boy Scout Troop 295 in Upper Arlington, recently was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, an honor already earned by his brothers Chris (left) and Matt. His Eagle project involved planning and building a llama shelter at the Stratford Ecological Center in Delaware. Smyke is a junior at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, and his brothers are Watterson graduates.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

LIVING FAITH AWARDS

Members of three Columbus parishes are among 11 people who will be honored by The Spirituality Network of Columbus at its Living Faith Award breakfast. The three are Corrine Hughes of Corpus Christi Church, Joan McMahon of the St. Thomas More Newman Center, and Rick Hatem of Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

The breakfast, from 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16, in Capital University's Harry C. Moores Center, 745 Pleasant Ridge Ave., Bexley, will honor individuals for their outstanding service within their religious or interfaith communities. Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown will be the keynote speaker.

For the past 21 years, this event has been sponsored by the Metropolitan Area Church Council. That organization recently turned over sponsorship

of the program to The Spirituality Network, an ecumenical organization that offers programs, retreats, and other resources for individuals searching for spiritual enrichment.

Also receiving Living Faith awards will be Ivamae S. Hawley, Second Church of Christ, Scientist; John W. Hoberg, First Community Church; Catherine Loveland, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church; Joan Short, Gender Road Christian Church; Sara Ward, First English Lutheran Church; Gurpreet Kaur Singh, Sikh community; the Rev. John Aeschburg, Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity (BREAD); and Jamilah Anderson, World Harvest Church/Ohio Dominican University.

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Mount Carmel Associates Honored

for Infant Mortality Rate Reduction Efforts

Three Mount Carmel Health System associates were honored by Massachusetts General Hospital for their work in its disparities leadership program.

This team, consisting of Aprile Burt-Harp, nurse manager, graduate medical education ambulatory sites; Katrina Farmer, system director of diversity and inclusion, and Jackie Hilton, community benefit ministry officer, analyzed data from within Mount Carmel and central Ohio and studied other health initiatives in the area. From this research, they found there was a sense of urgency to decrease the infant mortality rate in Franklin County.

The group was one of four teams in the program to receive recognition for a project.

The Mount Carmel team created a database listing disparities within the system. From there they began tracking evidence-based interventions that were designed to reduce infant mortality. Some of the interventions include increasing breastfeeding rates, limiting inductions before 39 weeks, and increasing the number of home visits performed by Mount Carmel's Welcome

Home program. The database tracked how many patients were given access to these services.

"You would be devastated to learn the infant mortality rate in Ohio," Burt-Harp said. "Hopefully, our efforts can impact this important issue."

According to the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio has the 11th highest rate of infant mortality in the nation. Between 2010 and 2011, the rate increased from 7.7 to 7.9 deaths per 1,000 live births.

"I was thrilled and pleased to see the group recognized in this program," said Dr. Richard Streck, executive vice president and chief clinical operations officer for the Mount Carmel Health System. "The energy and enthusiasm of the Mount Carmel associates puts us on the vanguard of the work to reduce disparities in healthcare."

"The effort these associates have put toward this project demonstrates Mount Carmel's mission of caring for underserved and at-risk populations," said Sister Barbara Hahl, CSC, senior vice president of system mission for Mount Carmel Health.

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DeSales SVDP leadership team members

Members of the 2013-14 leadership team for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School are (from left): first row, Annamaria Pagani, public relations; Ha Nguyen, president; Alexandra Fox, vice president; and Maura McCabe, secretary; second row, Eunice Agyapong, hospitality; Maria Riley, public relations; Audrey Marzec, treasurer; Emma Bigalke, public relations; Natalie Yoder, hospitality; Bri Ellis, public relations; and Ashley Cudnik, hospitality.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P.



From the parishioners of St. Thomas
Aquinas in Zanesville, OH

Ad multos annos

Understanding the Bible; is missing Mass a mortal sin?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Is there a book you can suggest that would help a senior citizen to understand the Bible (one that does not require a DVD, etc.)? (Indianapolis)

A. I'm sure that there are many such books, and you would probably get as many answers as the number of priests you asked. One that I have found helpful over the years is called *The Collegeville Bible Handbook*.

It was published by The Liturgical Press in 1997 and contains a one-page summary of each of the 73 books of the Bible, as well as a short commentary on the significant sections of each book.

What I particularly like about this handbook is the abundance of color maps and "timelines." People learn in different ways. For me, it's helpful to be able to "picture" things, and I seem to be able to do that easily with this book. (I've just learned, too, that this 350-page hardback is currently on sale for under \$5 -- and I don't even get a commission.)

Q. I was taught as a child that it was a mortal sin to miss Mass on Sunday, that if you did that and failed to con-

fess it before you died, you would go to hell. Then, I thought, the Second Vatican Council changed this and said it was not a mortal sin anymore. But just recently I read in our diocesan newspaper that Catholics still have a serious obligation to attend, and now I'm confused. Personally, I can't believe it could be that grave. Can you help to clarify? (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)

A. The Second Vatican Council has been blamed for (or sometimes credited with) making a variety of changes it never discussed. One of the things Vatican II did not do was to change church teaching on the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that teaching clearly in No. 2181: "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants). Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin."

Gravity of matter, of course, is just one of the three necessary conditions for a mortal

sin -- the others being complete consent of the will and full knowledge of the sinful character of the act or omission. Certain circumstances can excuse one from attendance at Mass on a particular Sunday.

The catechism mentions illness and the care of infants, but others might be unavoidable work obligations, lack of transportation, or inclement weather sufficient to put one's safety at risk. (To skip Mass to go shopping, to play golf, or to get a couple extra hours of sleep clearly does not qualify and shows that other priorities have been allowed to replace the Lord.)

To appreciate the seriousness of the obligation, it helps to understand the centrality of the Mass. From the earliest days of the church, disciples of Jesus have gathered for Eucharist on the first day of each week to mark the day of Christ's resurrection.

In the Mass, the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday coalesce, and those events comprise the core of our faith.

Not incidentally, the Mass also happens to be the one specific way Jesus asked the apostles to keep his memory alive, and the reception of Communion unites us intimately with Christ and strengthens us to live in the manner that Jesus taught.

Questions may be sent to Father Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com or 40 Hopewell St., Albany NY 12208.

Mexico's soon-to-be-saint recalled for her ministry to poor, sick

By David Agren
Catholic News Service

A shy woman stopped to pray in front of a statue of Blessed Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala while visiting the Santa Margarita Hospital. She knew little about the founder of the facility, who will be canonized on Sunday, May 12, but, like many people, she had heard stories from hospital patients who say the soon-to-be-saint still walks the halls providing care, attention, and miracles to those in need.

Madre Lupita -- as Blessed Maria Guadalupe is better known in Guadalajara -- left a legacy of providing care for the poor and the elderly through the Handmaids of St. Margaret Mary and the Poor, the order she co-founded with Father Cipriano Iniguez in 1901 at the age of 23.

She will become the second Mexican woman to be canonized and the latest from the western state of Jalisco, where the Cristero Rebellion raged in the 1920s and Madre Lupita and other religious were forced to carry out their work as laity because of anti-clerical restrictions that forbade her wearing a habit.

"If it had been viewed as a convent, they (government officials) would have closed the hospital," said Sister Raquel Rodriguez, administrator at the Santa Margarita Hospital.

Such hardship from the 1910-20 Mexican Revolution and the Cristero Rebellion -- a period Catholics in Guadalajara remember through the beatification of priests and religious often martyred in that period -- was common during the early years of Madre Lupita's ministry.

The sisters celebrated Mass in secret during the predawn hours to avoid drawing scrutiny and hid priests and Guadalajara Archbishop Francisco Orozco Jimenez in their facility, even though "soldiers were stationed at the door," Sister Raquel said. Raids were common.

Still, "Madre Lupita, with the great charity that she had, and other sisters would feed (the soldiers). She would say, 'It's not their fault,'" Sister Raquel said.

Such stories of charity mark Madre



Lupita's life. She was born in 1878 to a well-to-do family in Zapopan, then a corn-farming village but now a Guadalajara suburb best known for its basilica and patroness.

She was engaged to a young suitor, but entered religious life and founded a religious order to attend to the poor.

"From a very young age, she showed a great love for the poor, for all people in need," said Sister Raquel, who has promoted sainthood for Madre Lupita. "She was a woman who loved God, service, and prayer."

Added Sister Laura Margarita Sierra Vazquez, who joined the order in 1955, "She was strict, but ... very compassionate, very understanding, and very loving."

"When someone would call for a nurse or knock at the door during the night, she would say, 'It's Christ coming to visit us,'" Sister Laura Margarita said.

The order expanded as the Cristero Rebellion subsided and now has a presence

in five nations. Its reputation expanded, too, especially as the work at Santa Margarita Hospital grew. Madre Lupita and her sisters collected funds for the growing health care ministry by soliciting donations in the street.

"She had a lot of contact with a lot of people, so upon her death (in 1963) some of these people ... the same people that she treated ... started to petition the religious association to take up the cause of Madre Lupita as a saint for all of her charity," Sister Raquel said.

Miracles were reported almost immediately after Madre Lupita's death 50 years ago. Sightings of her in hospital wards and patients saying she attended to them also were not unusual.

Visitors began traveling to the hospital, asking for her intervention.

Sainthood, said Msgr. Ramiro Valdes, vicar of the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, was appropriate for Madre Lupita, whom he described as "a witness to her faith and a servant to the poor and those most in need."

Joliet Franciscans Celebrate Significant Anniversaries

Four sisters who are either from the Diocese of Columbus or served in the diocese are celebrating significant anniversaries of their reception into the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate.

They are Sister Mary Franz, OSF (Ursuline), 80 years; Sister Margaret Rose Sczesniak, OSF, 60 years; Sister Margaret Hoffman, OSF, 50 years; and Sister Maria Pesavento, OSF, 50 years.

Sister Mary was received as a novice on Aug. 12, 1933. She was born in Columbus to the late Rosa and Joseph Franz and had eight brothers and three sisters, all deceased. Her grandniece, Sister Mary Rose Lieb, OSF, is also a member of the Joliet, Ill.-based congregation.

Sister Mary was educated at Columbus St. Mary School for 10 years and completed her high school education at St. Francis Academy in Joliet. She earned her bachelor's degree from the College (now University) of St. Francis in Joliet and a master's degree in mathematics at DePaul University in Chicago, with additional course work at other institutions.

Her teaching ministry began with the elementary grades, and she went on to teach math and science in high school and college. She served the congregation as director of postulants from 1959-1967. After completing eight more years



Sr. Mary Franz



Sr. Margaret Hoffman



Sr. Maria Pesavento



Sr. Rose Sczesniak

in the educational field, she received certification in pastoral education in 1977.

She has been pastoral minister at Marion St. Mary and Columbus St. Christopher churches and was a pastoral visitor at other Ohio parishes. She continues this ministry at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet.

Sister Margaret Rose grew up in Chicago and received a bachelor's degree from the College of St. Francis and a master's degree from DePaul University. She continued her education in the fields of educational administration and adult education at various institutions.

Her educational ministry encompassed 26 years in elementary education as a teacher or principal, including two years as principal at Columbus St. Cecilia School from 1971-1973, and 21 years in

adult education as a teacher in ESL and GED programs. She also ministered to her congregation as local coordinator of the sisters at Our Lady of Angels Home in Joliet, where she now lives.

Sister Margaret is an active member and lifelong parishioner of Columbus St. Thomas Church, where she is a Eucharistic minister, lector, and trainer of servers. She is the third of nine children born to the late John and Catherine Hoffman. Her five brothers and three sisters all reside in the Diocese of Columbus.

She attended Columbus St. Thomas School and St. Mary of the Springs Academy and received a bachelor's degree from the University of St. Francis and a master's degree from The Ohio State University.

Her ministry has been in secondary

education as a teacher of English. She taught at St. Francis Academy in Joliet, St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville, Ohio, and Columbus Bishop Waterson High School before coming to Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School in 1990. Beyond her teaching duties, she plans and organizes all liturgical activities that take place at St. Charles year-round, including all-school Masses and penance services.

Sister Maria grew up in Joliet and received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the College of St. Francis and master's degrees from Washington State University and the University of Notre Dame.

She began her educational ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville, Ohio, then taught at St. Francis Academy in Joliet and Columbus Bishop Ready High School, where she also ministered as dean of women and assistant principal from 1967-71 and from 1976-86.

After completing her teaching ministry, she served as assistant treasurer, councilor/coordinator, and president of the congregation. In 2005, she became chief executive officer and administrator of Our Lady of Angels Home. She currently ministers in the business office of Joliet Catholic Academy.

Answering God's Call

THE SENSE OF BEING CALLED TO PRIESTHOOD WAS PERSISTENT



Fr. Michael Gribble

by Tim Puet

Father Michael Gribble says he had to get far away from his Ohio roots to clearly hear God calling him to the priesthood.

"The possibility of being a priest was always in the back of my mind, and I attended the old St. Charles Seminary in Columbus for a couple of years after high school, but I didn't feel that strong of a call and became a teacher instead," he said.

He taught English and other subjects for nine years at Columbus St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Ready high schools and was chair of Ready's humanities program, then went to California for a year.

"I started out selling furniture at Sears for a while in Los Angeles before being hired by the public schools there to teach special education in the Watts neighborhood," Father Gribble said. "That's when I really started thinking seriously about the priesthood. I remember talking about my situation to one priest who I thought would tell me I was too old to start. Instead, he said 'It might be difficult, but you can do it.'"

"I thought one reason the priesthood was on my mind might be because I was so far from family and friends, so I moved back home, figuring I'd 'come to my senses' and realize my longing actually came from missing everybody. I got a teaching job in Reynoldsburg, but the sense of being called persisted. I finally talked to Father Jerry Stluka, who was diocesan vocations director at the time, and started the process which led to my ordination."

Father Gribble, 70, was ordained on May 16, 1981, at St. Francis de Sales Church in his hometown of Newark by Bishop Edward Herrmann. He will retire from his pastoral duties on Monday, July 8 after 32 years as a priest, the last 13 of them as rector of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

He and two sisters grew up in Newark, but all three were born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville because their parents wanted them to be born in a Catholic hospital, and Newark did not have one. He graduated from St. Francis de Sales School and Newark Catholic High School, has bachelor's and master's degrees from The Ohio State University, and studied theology at

the Catholic University of America in Washington.

His first assignment as a priest was at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church, where he served as associate pastor and a Newark schoolmate, Father Edward Keck, was pastor. He was there for two years and followed that with two years as associate at Groveport St. Mary. He also taught religion and English at the former Columbus Father Wehrle High School while at Groveport.

"Perhaps because of my age, I had no grandiose expectations about the priesthood, other than fulfilling what I had come to realize was my calling," he said. "The people at both parishes were very warm and welcoming; in fact, I've been lifted up by the people in every congregation I've been. Their spirituality and their faith have left a very powerful impact. I've been sad about leaving every parish I've been, but that's a good thing. As I've told other priests, 'If you don't cry when you leave a parish, you haven't loved the people enough.'"

His first pastorate was from 1985-1991 at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church. "I was doing doctoral studies at OSU at the time and had no idea where the parish was," he said. "I was told 'South Ohio' and I thought at first I was going to a small community in southern Ohio. Then I found out the reference was to its location on South Ohio Avenue" on the near east side of the city.

He said his previous inner-city experience in Watts was of great help in his new parish. "It was a very successful six years," he said. "The enthusiasm of the people was great, and that led to some significant accomplishments. We started the city's first Gospel choir and the St. John Learning Center, and built on Father Jack Fulcher's work in starting the soup kitchen and pantry there. We also organized the local Knights of Peter Claver chapter and started a PSR program.

"We were the only place in the city to have a Martin Luther King Day celebration when that day became a federal holiday in 1987. It's continued since then without interruption. There are now larger celebrations in the city on that day, but Holy Rosary-St. John's is the first and the longest-running."

Father Gribble went back to his home area of Licking County and served as pastor at Granville St. Edward from 1991-2000. "It was quite a contrast to go from the inner city to a college town combining suburban and rural aspects," he said. "I didn't have as many parish programs to organize as in Columbus, because they already were established at St. Edward's. We did start a Knights of Columbus council, and the parish acquired most of the land for the church built under my successor there, Msgr. Paul Enke."

He came to the cathedral as rector in 2000. "The biggest challenge a cathedral rector has is to build a parish community," Father Gribble said. "A cathedral is not a 'home parish,' but a 'destination parish' for most people, because people in most cases have to drive past one or more other parishes to come there."

The cathedral now has 800 registered families, an increase of 200 in the last six years. Father Gribble attributes some of the growth to an increase of the number of people living downtown, but said it also can be attributed to the cathedral's liturgy and music programs and its annual Mardi Gras.

"(Cathedral music director) Paul Thornock, the cathedral schola and choir, the magnificent organ we've had since 2006, and our concert series all have helped solidify the cathedral's identity, especially because of their many appearances on local and national public radio," he said. "People used to ask me all the time about the location of the cathedral. That doesn't happen much any more.

"The Mardi Gras enabled us to set up a scholarship fund for students of cathedral families going to Catholic schools. That was something I was really anxious to start because we were losing young couples who were living downtown, then moved out to the suburbs as their children were becoming of school age.

"One of the many parishioners with whom God has abundantly blessed us is Jim Schnug, director of the Parish School of Religion. He's brought an enthusiasm to that program that's led to larger classes. We had six first communions this year, which is a small number for most parishes, but a big one for us.

"In a couple of years, we hope to have a confirmation class of middle-school students. That also will be significant because of our location. As I prepare to depart as rector, it's satisfying to sense that our parishioners feel an excitement and a pride that's part of belonging to the mother church of our diocese."

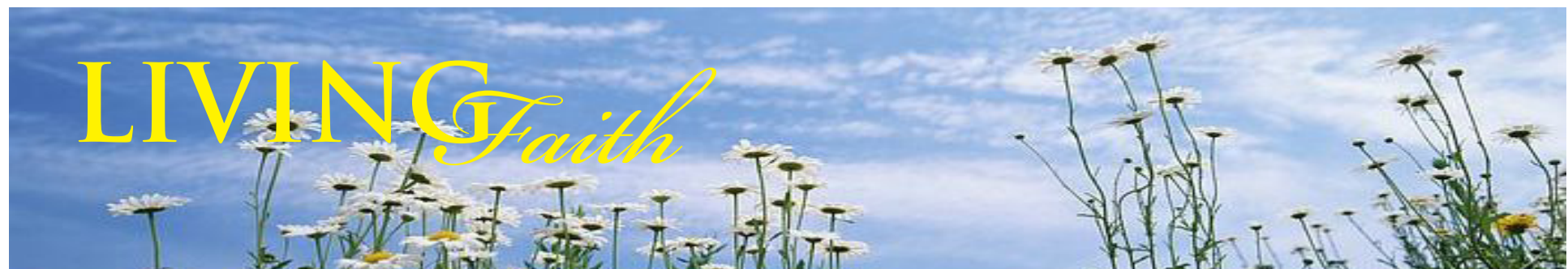
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FIRST COMMUNION AT THE CATHEDRAL

Members of this year's First Communion class at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, with their adult leaders, are (from left): first row, Shannon Mari Persichetti, Tyr Zachariah Fidler, Maria Raika Wakabayashi, and Cade Christian Raymond Mills; second row, Kim Mattox (volunteer), Larenz Alexander Payne, Andrea Kjerrumgaard (teacher), Father G. Michael Gribble (pastor), Brandt Nicholas Thornock, and Sam Almeida (volunteer).
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The Ascension calls us to meet God in the present

When beginning studies for a master's degree in theology, I was in the midst of a difficult time in other areas of my life. Perhaps it was providence that one book assigned for a seminar was Father Ronald Rolheiser's *The Holy Longing*. The instructor required each member of the class to prepare a presentation on a particular chapter. Mine was "The Paschal Mystery." That was almost eight years ago, and I still find hope and wisdom in Father Rolheiser's presentation of that holy mystery.

Father Rolheiser put a colloquial twist on the Ascension, describing its message this way: "Do not cling to the old, let it ascend and give you its blessing" -- a necessary step to Pentecost, where we accept the Spirit for the moment we are living.

I had always thought of the Ascension as an event in Jesus' life, not in my own. He told his disciples during their last meal before his death that his going away is necessary, "... for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." Death -- that was Jesus' first "going away."

His followers were devastated. Confused and afraid, they talked and waited and worried. I'm sure they prayed, but perhaps it was the same type of prayer we hold in our hearts when life takes turns we do not understand, and we cannot find God anywhere in it.

Then came the resurrection. Jesus was back! He shared food with them, blessed them, and walked

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with them. When they finally realized who he was, they must have been euphoric. But there was a problem: He wasn't going to stay.

When Mary Magdalene first saw Jesus in the garden after his resurrection, she didn't recognize him. But when she heard him say her name, she knew. Her first response? To hang on.

"Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father," he said to her. It might sound harsh. What's the harm?

As much as she wanted to have Jesus back the way he was, to have their familiar relationship continue, Jesus said that was not possible. He wasn't the same. How he related to her, and later to his other followers and to the world, would be different, determined not by the past, but by the present.

Faced by difficulties in my own life, I sometimes longed to have things return to how they had been. Or more truthfully, how I thought they had been. Those familiar times seemed easier. I wasn't sure what the future held, and, as the saying goes, we sometimes prefer the devil we know to the devil we don't. Change isn't easy, and as progressive or open-minded as I imagined

myself to be, the truth was I didn't look forward to a big change.

Mary and the other disciples of Jesus probably would have preferred that he stick around and continue to have conversations with them over meals, to preach, to increase his following. An unspeakably cruel death had taken their friend and leader from them. They wanted him back.

It wasn't to be. They had to learn letting go was essential to receiving the Spirit, the blessing Jesus had promised to send.

As Father Rolheiser said, we, too, must let go in order to receive the Spirit in our lives. The past, as difficult or as wonderful as it may have been, communicated some bit of God's life to us. It held some blessing unique to that time. At the moment, we may not have been aware of it. Perhaps seeing it remains difficult. But hanging on, reliving the past, dwelling there in our minds and hearts does not bring the blessing closer or make it clearer. It was a gift of the moment. And we must move on.

Jesus says "Don't cling. Let me go. I will send the Spirit to you. Now." Just as he did last year, last month, a decade ago. The Ascension calls us to trust that Spirit-gift then and to trust it now. We meet God in the present, even if, like the travelers on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize it. At some time, it will become clear.

Meanwhile, we are called again and again to "let go," to trust the blessings we have received, and to be present to the moment, where we meet God and where blessing continues to pour over us.

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NINE DIOCESAN PRIESTS AND THREE MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS MARK SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES OF THEIR ORDINATION



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Father Saulinus Paul Laurinaitis, 91, lives at the Villas at St. Therese in Columbus. He is a native of Lithuania who was ordained Dec. 18, 1948, by Bishop Johannes Geisler of Brixen, Austria.

He came to Columbus in 1951 and has been pastor of Newark Blessed Sacrament (1969-70) and Bremen St. Mary (1970-74) churches, associate pastor at Kenton Immaculate Conception (1952-55), Columbus Corpus Christi (1955-59), Columbus St. Andrew (1959-64), and Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral (1974-76), and administrator at the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown and the Church of the Nativity in Utica (both 1964-66).

He also has served at St. Vincent Orphanage and St. Joseph Academy in Columbus, Granville Our Lady of Mercy School, and Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, as liaison for the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and as chaplain at Doctors Hospital West. He retired on Sept. 1, 1987.



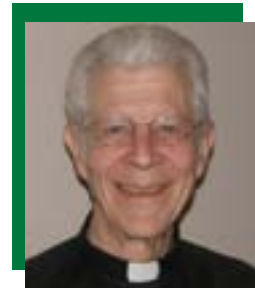
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Father Bernard J. McClory, 85, a Columbus native, was ordained May 30, 1953, by Bishop Michael Ready at St. Joseph Cathedral.

He was pastor at Columbus St. Dominic (1975-1979), Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne (1979-83), Marion St. Mary (1983-91), and Columbus St. Leo (1991-97), and associate pastor at the cathedral (1953-55), Columbus Holy Rosary (1955-60), and Columbus Our Lady of Victory (1960-62).

He also served as diocesan Catholic Charities director, director of St. Vincent Orphanage, moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, director of the Campaign for Human Development in the diocese, director of the diocesan apostolate for the deaf, assistant diocesan vocations director, chaplain of Good Shepherd Convent in Columbus, and a member of several diocesan boards and commissions.

He retired on Oct. 31, 1997.



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Father Joseph T. Hinders, FCPpS, 76, is senior associate pastor at Columbus St.

James the Less Church, where he has been assigned since January 2011. He was born in Celina and was ordained June 8, 1963, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Carthagena by Archbishop Paul Leibold of Cincinnati.

He was a missionary in Peru from 1966-70 and taught Spanish for 11 years at the Precious Blood Fathers' former Brunnerdale seminary in Canton.

He also was a teacher at Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa, Calif. and parochial vicar at Holy Rosary Church in St. Marys and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in East Chicago, Ind., and was involved with Latino ministry in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Diocese of Orlando, Fla.



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Msg. John K. Cody, 66, of Columbus, was ordained March 24, 1973, at Columbus Christ the King Church by Auxiliary Bishop Nicholas Elko of Cincinnati.

He has been pastor of Columbus St. Christopher Church since 2004. All of his previous service was also at Columbus churches: pastor at St. Ladislav (1981-86), St. Mary Magdalene (1986-87), and St. Francis of Assisi (1987-99), and associate pastor at St. Timothy (1973-75), St. Agatha (1975-76), and Immaculate Conception (1977-78). He has been part of the diocesan Tribunal since 1999 and was a Tribunal judge in the 1980s.

He taught at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and has been adjunct spiritual director at the Pontifical College Josephinum, co-director of the Office of the Diaconate, director of the Teens Encounter Christ program, dean of the Northwest Deanery, moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and a member of several diocesan boards and commissions.



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Father Charles E. Cotton, 66, was born in Columbus. Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati ordained him at St. Joseph Cathedral on May 26, 1973.

He has been pastor of Columbus St. Elizabeth Church since 2001, following previous pastoral assignments at Columbus St. Thomas (1982-86) and Columbus St. Mary Magdalene (1989-2001). He served as associate pastor at Zanesville St. Nicholas (1973-78), Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (1978-80), and Delaware St. Mary (1980-82).

He was full-time chaplain at Mount Carmel West Hospital from 1986-89, taught at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School, and also has been chaplain of Knights of Columbus Council 2898, spiritual adviser to the Cum Christo movement, dean of the Northland Columbus Deanery, and a parochial examiner.



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Father Lawrence L. Hummer, 66, born in Cambridge, was ordained at Ecclesia Collegii Canisiani in Innsbruck, Austria, by Innsbruck Bishop Paulus Rusch on Feb. 2, 1973.

He has been pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary Church since 2000 after having been pastor at Millersburg St. Peter and Glenmont Ss. Peter and Paul (1982-91) and serving as a chaplain in the Navy (1991-2000).

He was associate pastor at Columbus St. Mary (1973-75), Worthington St. Peter (1978-82), and the cathedral (1982), and has taught at Columbus Father Wehrle High School, been a member of the diocesan Tribunal, and served as chaplain at Riverside and Grant hospitals.

From 1980-91, in cooperation with Msgr. John Dreese, and from 2003 to the present, he has written a column on the Sunday scriptural readings for the *Catholic Times*.



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Father Edward L. Keck, 66, lives in Canton, where he moved following his retirement on July 12, 2011. He was born in Newark and was ordained May 26, 1973, by Archbishop Bernardin.

From 1973-77, he was associate pastor at Lancaster St. Mark, taught at Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, was intern principal at Lancaster St. Mark School, and was vicar of the Lancaster Vicariate.

He spent the remaining 34 years of his active ministry in Tuscarawas County as associate pastor (1977-81) and pastor (1981-93) at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart, pastor at Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales (1993-2003), and pastor at Zoar Holy Trinity (2003-11). He also was a member of the diocesan board of consultants and vicar of the Tuscarawas-Holmes-Coshocton Vicariate.



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Father Dean Mathewson, 68, has been in residence at Columbus St. Thomas Church since 2006. He serves as coordinator for diocesan priest hospital chaplains, with part-time duties as a chaplain at Riverside Hospital, and is liaison to the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He is a Kenton native and also was ordained by Archbishop Bernardin on May 26, 1973.

He was pastor at LaRue St. Joseph (1981-91), and associate pastor (1991-94), administrator (1994-95), and pastor (1995-2003) at Newark St. Francis de Sales. He also has been associate pastor at Columbus St. Matthias (1973-77), Chillicothe St. Mary (1977-81), and Hilliard St. Brendan (2003-06). He was a teacher at Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Chillicothe Bishop Flaget, and Marion Catholic high schools, was vicar of the Northland Columbus Vicariate, and was a member of the diocesan board of arbitration and the Priests Senate.



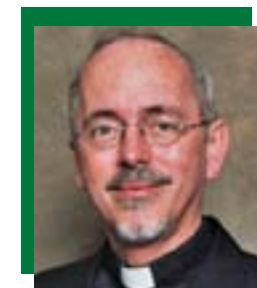
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Father Joseph A. Murphy, SJ, a priest of the Jesuit Missouri Province, was ordained May 19, 1973.

Since the fall of 1998, he has been on the faculty of the Pontifical College Josephinum, where he serves as dean of seminary life and director of human formation in the school of theology and as associate professor of moral theology.

He also has provided weekend assistance to Westerville St. Paul Church for the past 15 years.

Before joining the Josephinum faculty, he taught at St. John Vianney Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa; Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis; St. Louis University; and Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.



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Father James P. Black, 54, became pastor of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church on March 5 of this year. He was born in Columbus and was ordained June 11, 1988 by Bishop James Griffin at St. Joseph Cathedral.

He has been pastor of at Chillicothe St. Peter and Waverly St. Mary (2000-06) and Delaware St. Mary (2006-13), and associate pastor at Gahanna St. Matthew (1988-92), Columbus St. Catharine (1992-96), and the cathedral (1996-2000). He also has been chaplain at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and DCCW moderator.



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Father Stephen D. Hayes, FOP, 60, grew up in Quincy, Mass., and was ordained May 20, 1988, at St. Dominic Church in Washington by Auxiliary Bishop Francis Roque of the Archdiocese for Military Services.

He has been parochial vicar since 2010 at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, the parish where he also served in his first assignment as a priest from 1989-93. He also was parochial vicar at Columbus St. Patrick Church (1993-2003), and served as pastor at St. Rose Church near Springfield, Ky., from 2003 until returning to Zanesville.

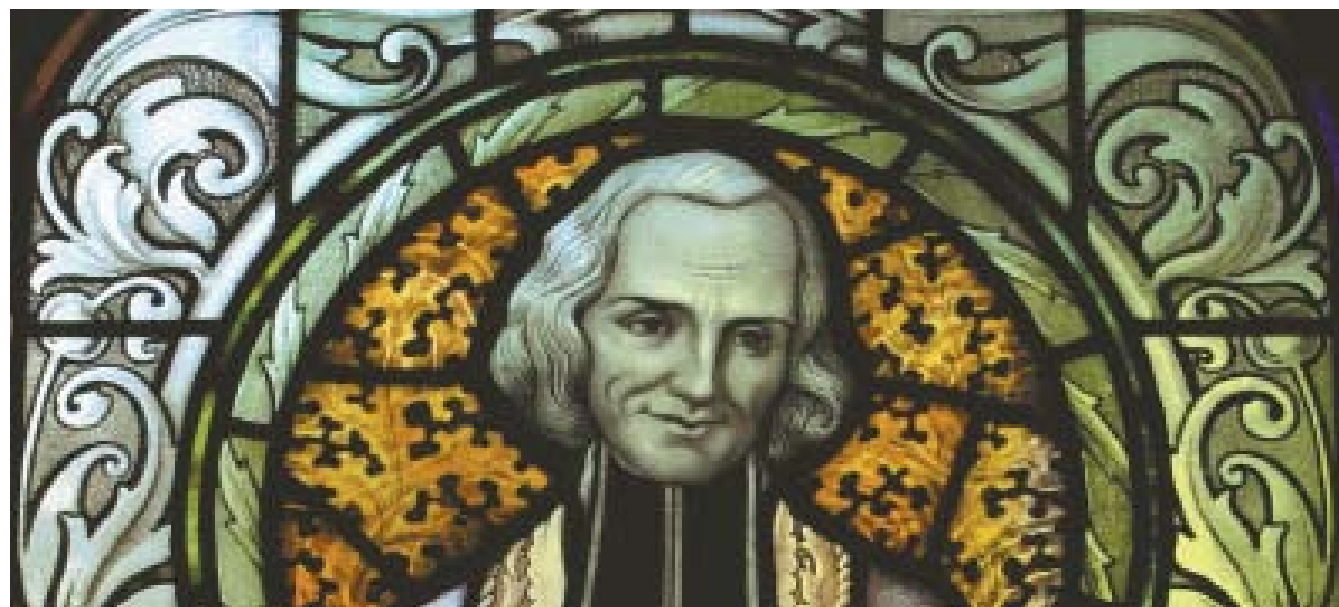


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Father Dennis E. Stevenson, 59, is from Columbus and was ordained by Bishop Griffin on June 11, 1988.

He is in residence at Columbus St. Aloysius, where he served as administrator from 1994-2005, and is a judge of the diocesan Tribunal, with which he has been affiliated since 1992.

He also was associate pastor at Worthington St. Michael from 1988-92 and Columbus St. Andrew from 1992-94 and has been an emergency relief chaplain at Riverside Hospital.



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Columbus prepares to host regional conference of Black Catholics

The Interregional African American Catholic Evangelization Conference (IAACEC) was formed in 1991 to develop goals for a collaborative ministry in addressing the evangelization of African Americans.



Catholic Congress XI, which took place in July 2012.

The conference will consist of prayer, worship, and daily general sessions that feature speakers of national prominence.

Breakout sessions are scheduled to provide opportunities for participants to learn about effective programs and practices.

IAACEC consists of several dioceses from the eight states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Maryland, Indiana, New Jersey, and Virginia.


Every two years, this organization sponsors a regional conference in one of those dioceses.

Black Catholic Ministries of Columbus will host this event, which is expected to attract 500 people, from Friday to Sunday, June 14 to 16. The theme of the conference will be "Living Our Faith."

The overall goal of the conference is evangelization that promotes the goals outlined by National Black

The George Findley Ministry Institute will be offered on Thursday, June 13. The institute provides a professional track that will enhance the skills of people engaged in youth ministry, catechesis and lifelong formation, young adult ministry, and leadership development. Participants can earn continuing education units if approved by their dioceses.

To find out more about the conference, contact Lillian Jackson at the diocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries at (614) 228-0024.

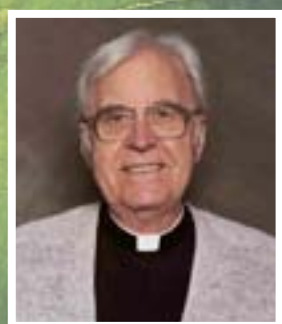


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The Jubilee of Anniversaries: Celebrating Our Vocation to Love

By Dan Thimons

Director, Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office

This summer, at the annual diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries on Sunday, June 23 at Columbus St. Cecelia Church, the Diocese of Columbus will celebrate the bond of Christian marriage that husbands and wives entered into on their wedding day and have lived out on a daily basis for a number of years. The lives of these anniversary couples provide a beautiful example of married love to today's young people.

During the past seven years, it has been my privilege to prepare hundreds of engaged couples for marriage, and I have often asked them the same question that Jesus asks his first disciples in John's Gospel: "What are you looking for?" Deep in our own heart, what is it that we seek? What is it that we desire? Almost always, their answer is the same: "Happiness!" This desire for personal happiness is the driving force behind their decision to marry, as well as their plans for their wedding and their future lives together.

While there is nothing wrong with this desire for happiness, today's young people are steeped in a culture that tends to equate happiness with the attainment of personal comfort and pleasure. In our society, spouses and children often are viewed as a means to this goal of personal happiness and fulfillment, rather than gifts from God that must be welcomed with joy and gratitude.

If married life is nothing more than a relationship for mutual fulfillment, then we risk viewing lifelong commitment as a negation of freedom, rather than a full expression of human freedom. God's design of sexual difference is then viewed as an option rather than as the essential basis of married love, and fertility and children are viewed as a nuisance rather than as a great blessing and the supreme gift of marriage.

In truth, it is only in Jesus Christ that we find the answer to our quest for happiness, and it is only in Him that we find the fulfillment of the deepest

longings of our heart. The Second Vatican Council teaches, "The likeness (between the union of the divine Persons, and the unity of God's sons in truth and charity) reveals that man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself." In other words, the happiness that we so long for is not found in the cultural goal of personal comfort and pleasure, but rather in giving of oneself for the good of another in charity and truth.

In our modern society, with its high rates of divorce and marital strife, today's engaged couples often ask "Is a joy-filled marriage even possible?" Each year, Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates a special Mass demonstrating that, in Christ, the answer to this question is an emphatic "Yes!"

At the Jubilee of Anniversaries, Bishop Campbell and people of the diocese will honor married couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. These couples are living testimonies that the bond of married love is greater than the moments of "good times and bad, sickness and health."

In daily fidelity to their wedding vows, these couples united in the Sacrament of Marriage are a visible sign of the love of Christ for His bride, the Church. Through their faithfulness, lifelong commitment, and openness to life, they receive the love of God and convey that love to a culture and society starving for authentic love.

Together with Bishop Campbell, the entire Church of the Diocese of Columbus rejoices with the married couples celebrating at the Jubilee of Anniversaries. The beautiful witness of these couples serves as a wonderful example of true and authentic love to today's young people.

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 or more years of marriage in 2013, then you are invited to the Jubilee of Anniversaries.

Please register before Friday, June 14, by calling the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560 or by visiting www.familylife.col-dioc.org.

Record Society Meeting

Julie O'Keefe McGhee will portray Ellen Ewing Sherman, the wife of the famed Civil War general William Tecumseh Sherman, at the quarterly meeting of the Catholic Record Society at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26, in the parish hall of Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road.

She will present "Behind Every Great Man," a first-person portrayal of the joys, triumphs, and sadness of Ellen Sherman's life and the times and people she knew.

McGhee is a historian and storyteller who is a member of the record society and is division historian for the Countess de Markievicz Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. She also is one of the co-authors of the new book *Transplanted Shamrocks: Recollection of Central Ohio Irish-Americans*.

A short business meeting will follow the presentation. For more information, contact Mike Finn at (614) 268-4166 or fcoolavin@aol.com.

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Acts 1:11

Ephesians 1:17-23

or Hebrews 9:24-28;10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

The “ascension” refers to Jesus’ being taken up into God’s presence after his time on earth. That time includes the periods both before and after his death and resurrection.

Luke uses the expression “he was taken up” to refer to the end of his post-resurrection appearances, which marked the actual beginning of “the church.” It became the church’s task to faithfully hand down what Jesus did and said while he was physically present, and gradually to apply what he had said to its own historical situation.

Luke is the only New Testament writer who graphically illustrates Jesus’ return to the Father. He does so twice: in the Gospel for this feast and also at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, which is today’s first reading.

In the “longer ending of Mark,” it is said that Jesus “was taken up to heaven,” but Mark does not say how. John’s Gospel speaks about the Son of Man being “lifted up,” which could mean in the crucifixion or in his return to the Father (see John 3:14). It is not absolutely clear what John intended. John also speaks of Jesus sharing in the glory of the Father, which is broadly interpreted as his ascension.

The importance of the ascension for Acts is the anticipation of the Holy Spirit, which will be given to the church so that “you will be my witnesses throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

The implication of the question addressed to “the

apostles” (“... why are you standing there looking at the sky?”) is that there is work to be done on earth. What has passed into heaven on a cloud is better left there. The incident took place in Jerusalem.

The Gospel account is slightly different from Acts. The incident takes place in Bethany, a village outside of Jerusalem just over a mile to the east. Luke does not mention a cloud as the departing Jesus “was taken up to heaven.” The “disciples” return to Jerusalem with great joy as they praise God in the temple.

This picture of the disciples is rather different from the picture in Acts 1:12-14, where the disciples huddle together in prayer with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with some other women.

It is worth noting that they did not remain idle as they awaited the Holy Spirit, because they decided to choose someone to take Judas’ place. They chose him by lot, which is an interesting way of doing things.

It took politics out of the process and relied solely on divine guidance as to who might be chosen. We must suppose that even the decision to choose a successor in that way was the work of the Spirit.

From the time of the ascension of Jesus onward, the church has been placed in a waiting mode. We wait for the prodding of the Spirit to move in this direction or that.

We grow weary of ourselves, but we have confidence that the Spirit will always intervene in some way to keep hope alive. That hope is in Christ, who is seated at the right hand of the Father, where he is “above every principality, authority, power and dominion.”

Both Ephesians and the Letter to the Hebrews stress the confident hope the church has as we move on through the ages, even as we await fulfillment.

Our hope is well-founded because we know that Christ reigns and the work of the Spirit undergirds that hope constantly. Meanwhile, however inept our efforts, we strive to confess our sins and to focus on Christ our hope, “for he who made the promise is trustworthy.”

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The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:2-7
John 16:29-33

TUESDAY
Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

WEDNESDAY
Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:29-30,33-36c
John 17:11b-19

THURSDAY
Acts 22:30;23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
John 17:20-26

FRIDAY
Acts 25:13b-21
Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab
John 21:15-19

SATURDAY
Acts 28:16-20,30-31
Psalm 11:4-5,7
John 21:20-25

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2013

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

DAILY MASS
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

We pray Week III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

The Bishop of Rome as Christian radical

It was a brief greeting to former colleagues. But if you read Pope Francis’ April 18 letter to the Argentine bishops’ conference closely, you get a glimpse of the man, his convictions, and his vision.

First, the man: Jorge Mario Bergoglio has remained very much himself, rather than adopting what some might deem the pontifical style. Any pope who can write his former colleagues in these terms—“Dear Brothers: I am sending these lines of greeting and also to excuse myself for being unable to attend due to ‘commitments assumed recently’ (sounds good?)”—is a man at home in his own skin, and one likely to remain that way.

Then, the convictions: Pope Francis believes that the Church in Latin America took a decisive step toward a new future in 2007. Then, at the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, in Aparecida, Brazil, the leaders of the Church moved far beyond the “kept” Catholicism of the past—the Catholicism that was “kept” by legal establishment or, more recently, cultural habit—and embraced a robustly evangelical Catholicism in which, as the pope wrote on April 18, “the whole of ministry (is) in a missionary key.”

The move from “kept” Catholicism to evangelical Catholicism is for everyone, the pope seems convinced. “Kept” Catholicism has no future anywhere, and not just because of aggressive secularism and other corrosive cultural acids. “Kept” Catholicism has no future because it doesn’t merit a future; or, as the



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pope put it to his former colleagues, “A Church that does not go out, sooner or later gets sick” in the hot-house atmosphere of its own self-absorption, which Francis has also called “self-referentiality.” When the Church is about itself, rather than the Gospel and the invitation to friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Church betrays the Gospel and the Lord. How? The “self-referential Church” falls victim to “a kind of narcissism that leads to spiritual worldliness and to sophisticated clericalism,” which in turn are obstacles to what the bishops at Aparecida called “the sweet and comforting joy of evangelizing.”

That joy, Pope Francis quickly added, is “many times united to the Cross.” But the joy that comes from the embrace of the Cross helps the ordained ministers of the Church “to be each day more fruitful, spending ourselves and unraveling ourselves in the service of the holy faithful people of God.” And if the pastors are seen to pick up the Cross and live joyfully in the embrace of the Crucified and Risen Lord, the people of the Church will find the courage to do the same: thus, the entire Body of Christ becomes a

powerful witness to the truth that it is in self-giving, not self-assertion, that we find happiness.

As for the pope’s vision, Francis seems willing, even eager, to lead a Church that takes risks in boldly proclaiming the Gospel. “It is true,” he wrote the bishops of Argentina, that “something can happen” to a Church that “goes out,” just as things can happen to someone who leaves the safety of home: accidents can happen. But “I wish to say to you frankly,” the pope continued, “that I prefer a thousand times an injured Church than a sick Church,” a risk-taking Church to a Church palsied by self-absorption. Thus the vision toward which this pope “from the end of the earth” is calling the entire Church: all Christ, all Gospel, all mission, all the time.

The Bishop of Rome as Christian radical is going to take some getting used to. Expect serious disorientation in those ideological redoubts where the old battles over the now-superseded Church of the Counter-Reformation remain all-consuming (e.g., the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the Lefebvrist). Some may find it hard to reconcile Christian radicalism with orthodoxy. But, as I argue in *Evangelical Catholicism: Deep Reform in the 21st-Century Church* (Basic Books), that’s precisely what orthodoxy is: the adventure of radical conversion ordered to mission. The 266th Bishop of Rome would seem to agree.

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BOOK REVIEW

From Hollywood to Holy Vows — the Nun Who Kissed Elvis

After 50 years in contemplative life, Mother Dolores shares her stunning journey in a new book.

Dolores Hart was a young, successful actress in Hollywood in the 1960s, with 10 highly successful movies to her credit. Then she made a shocking decision: Hart left the glitz and glamour of Hollywood and entered a contemplative monastery.

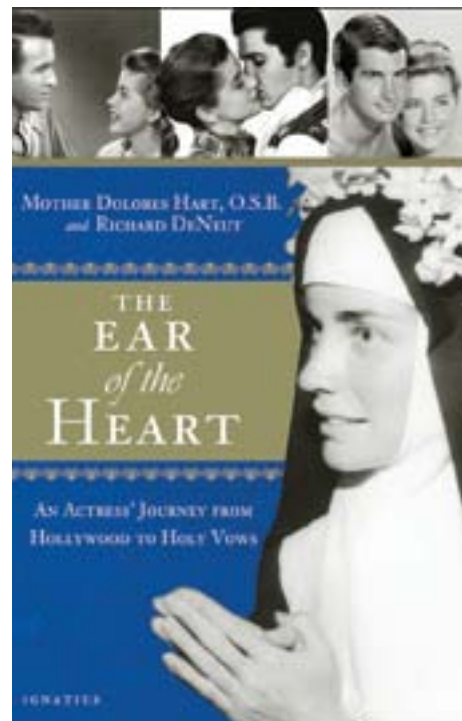
Now, 50 years later, Mother Dolores gives a fascinating account of her life, with co-author and lifelong friend Richard DeNeut, in *The Ear of the Heart: An Actress' Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows*.

So who was Dolores Hart? And what made this bright and beautiful Hollywood phenom, who beat out other young actresses to star opposite Elvis Presley in Paramount's 1957 *Loving You*, leave a promising, glamorous career for a hidden life?

For the first time, and after more than 50 years, we learn the full details of Dolores Hicks' complicated and colorful childhood growing up in Chicago; her meteoric rise to Hollywood fame as Dolores Hart; her five-year courtship with and engagement to Don Robinson; and her mystical journey toward God, serenity, and, yes, love.

We learn that she entered the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Conn., at the peak of her career, not to leave the glamorous world of acting she had dreamed of since childhood, but to answer a mysterious call she heard with the "ear of the heart." While contracted for another film and engaged to be married, she abandoned everything to become a bride of Christ.

Maria Shriver, bestselling author of *Just Who Will You Be?*, remarks about Mother Dolores' book: "Mother Dolores Hart is a remarkable woman with a remarkable story — one of love, devotion, and faith."



"The story of Dolores Hart teaches us to seek God regardless of where we are — in a summer storm, in prayer, or even in front of a camera," says Raymond Arroyo, *New York Times* bestselling author, host of *The World Over Live*, and EWTN news director.

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NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Retired Pope Benedict XVI greets Pope Francis at the Vatican. The 86-year-old retired pontiff, who had been staying at the papal summer villa in Castel Gandolfo since retiring on Feb. 28, returned to the Vatican last week to live in a monastery in the Vatican Gardens. CNS photo/L'Ossevatore Romano via Reuters



Members of confraternities carry large crucifixes as they arrive for a Mass with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on May 5. The pope praised confraternities as a means of transmitting and cultivating the faith, but said popular piety must be practiced in communion with the pastors of the church. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Sister Jennifer Kane (right) stands with Sister Elfie Del Rosario (left) and Sister Phyllis Neaves following her official entrance into the novitiate in 2011. A 16-year military veteran who at one time was a missile systems engineer working on intercontinental nuclear weapons, Sister Jennifer is preparing to make her first profession of vows with the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco in August. CNS photo/courtesy Sister Jennifer

Evangelization on Wheels

Seminarians' Seek Holiness Bike Tour in the Columbus Diocese May 13-16

Columbus diocesan seminarians and priests will ride their bikes through the diocese, starting on Monday, May 13 at Somerset Holy Trinity School and continuing that morning to Zanesville Bishop Fenwick School.

They will go on to Newark that afternoon, speaking with high school students at Newark Catholic, then will reach the Columbus metropolitan area the next day. The seminarians' bike tour will conclude at Columbus St. Cecilia School on Thursday afternoon, May 16.

Eleven seminarians and several priests will ride their bikes and meet with young people in their schools and talk about vocations, personal holiness, and discerning God's call in their lives.

This will be the fifth annual Seek Holiness bike tour sponsored by the diocesan Office of Vocations, The Catholic Foundation, and Face Forward -- Connecting Catholic Youth on Facebook.



The seminarians will ride their bikes, along with Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director; Father David Sizemore, pastor, Sunbury St. John Neumann; Father Jim Klima, pastor,

Pickerington St. Elizabethh Seton; and Father Ryan Schmit, parochial vicar, Gahanna St. Matthew.

The seminarians look forward to fellowship, evangelization, the chal-

lenge of cycling, and the opportunity to spend time talking about vocations with young people, pastors, and parishioners after finishing their school year at the Pontifical College Josephinum. The bike tour team will cycle 30 to 50 miles a day.

Bike Tour Schedule:

May 13 - Somerset Holy Trinity; Zanesville Bishop Fenwick; Newark Catholic High School.

May 14 - Newark St. Francis de Sales; Newark Blessed Sacrament; Columbus Bishop Hartley High School; Columbus St. Patrick.

May 15 - Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School; The Catholic Foundation; Columbus St. Matthias.

May 16 - Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem; Columbus Bishop Ready High School; Columbus St. Cecilia.

More information is available from www.seekholiness.com, or email lori@seekholiness.com.

St. Andrew Latin Program Students Receive Awards



Eighteen Latin students at Columbus St. Andrew School received gold medals for their achievements on the 2013 National Latin Examination. Eighth-graders attaining the gold summa cum laude on the Latin II level are Claire Voegele, Olivia Van Arsdale, Alexandra Bryant, Drew Eldred, Justin Hadad, Niles Schechter, Megan Leonard, Emily Ganz, Nicholas Watkins, Justin Whitcomb, and Patrick Sprigler. Earning the gold medal for Latin I were seventh-graders Patrick Monnin, Jonathan Frecker, Anthony Ricaurte, Francesca Passen, David Brown, Lena Bruening, and Luke Voegele.

A total of 59 St. Andrew students received awards for their accomplishment on the test. In 2013, St. Andrew School was one of 10 grade schools nationwide competing against nearly 150,000 students from high schools and colleges. The Latin program was founded by St. Andrew's pastor, Father Michael Watson.

Gold medalists pictured are (from left): first row, Fran Passen, Patrick Monnin, Lena Bruening, David Brown, and Jonathan Frecker; second row, Anthony Ricaurte, Justin Hadad, Niles Schechter, Emily Ganz, Claire Voegele, Megan Leonard, and Alexandra Bryant; and third row, Justin Whitcomb, Nicholas Watkins, Patrick Sprigler, Luke Voegele, Olivia Van Arsdale, and Drew Eldred.

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